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SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

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STM Mission Statement

"We are a diverse Eucharistic family united in Jesus Christ and His Church. We accomplish our mission to spread the message of God's love through the gifts of the Holy Spirit who guides and inspires us and with the prayers of our Blessed Mother, Mary."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14th, 2010

Gospel Summary:

It is instructive to compare Luke's Beatitudes with those of Matthew (5:2-11). Luke offers just four Beatitudes while Matthew gives us eight. But the four that Luke shares with Matthew are considered the oldest version and contain the essential teaching. Luke also adds four Woes, not found in Matthew, and intended to re-enforce, by contrast, the message of the previous Beatitudes.

The most important word in all the Beatitudes is the subject of the first one, namely, the "poor." This English word, suggesting economic destitution, does not at all capture the full meaning of the Hebrew word from which it is ultimately derived. In that fuller sense, the poor are the "afflicted ones" or, more specifically, the "powerless ones." This often includes the economically destitute but it includes also those who recognize their radical poverty when it comes to the matter of final salvation. In the gospel, the poor stand in contrast to the Scribes and Pharisees who, though themselves far from materially rich, were so "full of themselves" and so smug about salvation that they effectively closed themselves to the free gift of the Kingdom.

In essence, therefore, God gives salvation to those humble ones who know how powerless they really are in spiritual matters and who are ready to turn humbly to God who is more than willing to give them the Kingdom. The "hungry" and the "weeping" and the "persecuted" are variations on the poor ones. The hungry know that only God can satisfy their needs and do not try to place that burden on any merely human creature. The weeping know that God's command to love often leads to grieving...and who love nonetheless. The persecuted, or ridiculed ones, gladly embrace the "foolish" wisdom of unselfish service because they realize that God's gift is only for the generous ones.

Life Implications:

The seemingly benign appearance of these well-known Beatitudes conceal a very harsh judgment on many of the attitudes of the secular culture in which we live and by which we are probably influenced far more than we realize. This secular culture (and our natural instincts) lead us to place a very high premium on control. A metaphor for this in our contemporary world is the remote control for our TVs. There is a pleasing sense of power in being able to "zap" advertisements and people on the screen with whom we disagree.

This tendency could be relatively harmless except when we allow it to influence our relationship with God and our attitude toward other people. An excessive yearning for control is clearly a prideful attitude and it is pride, more than anything else, that blocks our access to the free gift of salvation. It can also destroy the delicate fabric of our loving relationship with other people.

The opposite of our passion for control is our willingness to love to the point of vulnerability. Machismo is unhealthy because it is so out of touch with reality. We are living in a dangerous illusion when we think that we must always be in control. The fact is that we do not control the most important realities in life, such as love, happiness and life itself. These are wonderful gifts and we should be happy to accept them as such. When we try to seize them, they inevitably slip through our fingers.

We need to understand the true role of power. It can be very useful but it must always be guided by love. When that happens, we can also let go of it, when the time comes, and thus be ready for the exquisite gift of God's Kingdom.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.

A Family Prayer for Vocations

O Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, The model and ideal of every Christian Family, To you we entrust our family. Open the hearts of our family to the Word of God and to a life of faith, prayer, simplicity, generosity and service to others; Let our family be the source of new and holy vocations. Touch the hearts of parents, so that they may lovingly guide their sons and daughters toward spiritual and eternal values. Touch the hearts of young people, so that they may generously welcome the gift of a divine vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that all of us might discern our vocation in life and fulfill the will of God; Let us grow in our appreciation for the great gift of those among us who are called to follow more closely the witness of the Lord Jesus, Who made of Himself a complete and perfect gift for us. Amen.

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This Week's Events

Mon. Feb. 15th

Prayer Group: Brazilian Community

Scanlan Hall 7PM-9PM

Tue. Feb 16th

Legion of Mary,

Scanlan Hall, 6:00 pm

Communion & Liberation,

Scanlan Hall, 8:00 pm

Wed. Feb 17th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 8:30am & 8PM

RCIA classes at

7pm Scanlan Hall

Friday. Feb 19th

AACC Youth Group

Scanlan Hall 6:30pm

Prince of Peace

Scanlan Hall 8:30pm

Sat. Feb 20th

RCIC Classes , 9:00am

in Flower Sacristy

SBYAG Young Adults

Meeting 1pm at Scanlan Hall

Bible Study Group at

Alma Via 7:00pm

SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM Portuguese/Brazilian;

10:00 AM English

11:45 AM Arabic;

8:00 PM English

Weekdays:

8:30 AM

(Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.);

5:30 PM (Tue., Thu.)

Holy Days:

8:30 AM & 8:00 PM

First Saturdays:

10:00 AM Burmese

First Fridays:

8:30 AM

7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Followed by Mass for healing at **8:00 PM**

Sacrament of Baptism (infants): Parents should be registered in the parish. Parents and godparents must attend Baptism Preparation Class. Call the office for Schedule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays 9:30—9:45 AM; Saturday 4:30 PM. Any time upon request.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Registered couples contact us at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Communion to the homebound and the ill: Anyone who is ill and would like to receive Communion call the office to schedule a visit.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time upon request. If a parishioner is seriously ill at home, please inform the parish office regarding a visit for anointing.

Funeral arrangements: Funeral Director should contact Parish Office.

For Children and Youth: Under 2 years old, STM offers a "Crying Room" where parents can follow Mass, while children play away from the community. Over 6 years old, we have the "Children's Liturgy", RCIC and RCIA and FLA groups and Summer Camps

For Adults: English Charismatic group, Sundays 6:00 PM; St. Benedict's Group (18-late 20's) 2nd and 4th Saturday 2:00-4:00 PM; Arabic Youth Group, Fridays 6:30 PM; Brazilian Charismatic group, Mondays 7:00 PM; Burmese Youth Group, Sundays 2:00 PM; SFSU Campus ministry, Thursdays 7:00 PM (on Campus) [Pls call the office for contact numbers.]

For Families: Bible Study, Saturday at 7:00 PM; Couples For Christ: Saturday 5:00 PM; Legion of Mary; Communion & Liberation; Perpetual Novena to the Sto. Nino; Prince of Peace and Friday adoration.

Queenofpeacefoundation.org, An independent Foundation created to serve the needy.

Holy Land Museum & Shroud of Turin Exhibit

Open 9-4:30 Monday-Friday

Regular Activities

Parish Council
Liturgy Committee
Legion of Mary
Communion & Liberation
Charismatic groups for different ethnics

To Be Announced
As Announced
Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, 8:00 PM
See schedule

Bible Study & Prayer
AACC Youth Group
Perpetual Novena: Sto. Nino
Prince of Peace
FLA Youth Group

Saturday, 7 PM at Alma Via
Friday, 6:00 PM
Third Friday, 7 PM
Friday, 8:30 PM
1st & 3rd Wed. at 6:30PM

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. Menu items: 1 pack of pasta, 1 can of beef or chicken, 1 can of tomato sauce, 1 can of fruit or fruit juice. Pls., no glass items. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***President's Day** is this coming Mon, Feb 15th. The Parish office will be closed & reopen on Tues Feb 16th.



***Thank you to all who made our annual Crab Feed possible, and a great success at that!** Thank you to all who worked behind the scenes to make it happen, and to all who came and enjoyed it, without you none of that would have happened. It was a great success, thanks to your generosity.

***Enclosed is a printout of the Lenten schedule** of the different parishes in our deanery. A deanery is a group of neighboring parishes that work together to enhance and support the pastors with meeting the spiritual needs of parishioners, collaborating with each other. We are Deanery # 1 which includes: Holy Name of Jesus, St Anne of the Sunset, St Brendan, St Cecilia, St Finn Barr, St Gabriel, St John of God, St Stephen, St Ignatius College Prep, & Riordan High School. **Starting next Friday Feb. 19th: Way of the Cross** at 7:00 PM.

***Letter of gratitude to all STM Parishioners:** "I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross Intern'l Outreach during my visit on Nov 14-15, 2009. Your donations of \$1,695.62 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love & support. Sincerely, Fr. Phong Pham."



Don't Forget that this week Feb 17th is Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:30AM & 8PM

*** Thinking about how you and your family can help with our assessment of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal?** This year we need your support more than ever to reach our Assessment Goal of \$56,600. This fund assists in funding the overall budget of the Archdiocese and provides services parishes cannot do themselves. **Along with other funding sources, your generosity and commitment and pledges on behalf of STM Church** to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal allows Archbishop Niederauer and the dedicated staff of the Archdiocese to provide important services to our Universal Church and our local community. See our front vestibule for this year's assessment goals for the different parishes of our Diocese. Further info can be read at www.sfarchdiocese.org/ways-to-give/archbishops-annual-appeal/.

Campus Ministry

Ash Wednesday Mass will be on campus at Jack Adams Hall (Student Center) at 12 noon, Feb 17th. A reception will follow. Every 2nd Sun of the month is student's Mass: 8PM at STM Church. **Lenten Busy Student's Retreat** will start **Feb 20th**, for more info please call Sr. Sufern Khoo at (415) 573-9062.



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 14th — Feb 20th, 2010

2/14	Sun	10:00am	People of STM
		8:00pm	All Souls in Purgatory†
2/15	Mon	8:30am	Special Intention
2/16	Tue	5:30am	William E. Cook †
2/17	Wed	8:30am	Lily Santos †
		8:00pm	Jake Espinueva (hlg)
2/18	Thu	5:30pm	Louis Anthony Ocbena (thks)
2/19	Fri	8:30am	John M. Jimenez †
2/20	Sat	8:30 am	Innocencio Pepito †
		5:00 pm	Jose de la Pena †

Attending the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish, to be read during Masses: espe-

cially, James Roach, Wilfredo Fernando, Rhona Palencia Jesus Uchi, Anthony Angeles, Tina Bish, Anita Soliz, Cecilia Reyes, Brigit Suazon, Christian Yousef, Barbara Cunningham, Carmel Desmond, Gordon Lu, Ann, Iluminada Sotto and for all who are ill in our parish.

We also pray for all the deceased in our parish.

(Please call the office for names of people we should pray for. To facilitate this process, names will need to be taken off after 3 weeks, call the office for names to be put back in. Thanks.)

Weekly Offering



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Sunday Collection

Feb. 7th, 2010

\$5,109.64

2nd Collection Tithing

\$3,632.41

Thank you for your Generosity!



REGISTRATION SLIP FOR ST. THOMAS MORE

If you are new to the area and not yet registered at Saint Thomas More Parish,

we invite you to fill this out, cut it out and return it to the parish office/rectory or drop in the collection basket.

I choose to become a member of St. Thomas More and commit myself to building a community that seeks to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. I will commit myself to this mission by my active & consistent presence at worship financial giving even when I can't be present.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (s) _____

Email: _____ I want to receive the envelopes and commit myself to a weekly contribution.

Yes, please _____ No, thanks. _____ Subscribe to our mailing list by e-mailing us: stmchurch@aol.com